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Contact Information

Date of survey: 6/2/2010
Survey method: Self-administered questionnaires
Target population: 92 Hong Kong citizens attended the Deliberative Forum

1st round survey (conducted before the debate)

Base: 88

Pre_Q1 1. Taking the overall society into consideration, do you think Hong Kong citizens should support the political reform?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1 Very much should not	10	11	12	12
2 Somewhat should not	11	13	13	25
3 Half-half	21	24	25	51
4 Somewhat should	19	22	23	73
5 Very much should	22	25	27	100
Total	83	94	100	
Missing 0 Refuse to answer	5	6		
Total	88	100		

Change_Q1gp_5 1. Taking the overall society into consideration, do you think Hong Kong citizens should support the political reform?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid -1 negative change	32	36	39	39
0 no change	47	53	57	95
1 positive change	4	5	5	100
Total	83	94	100	
Missing System	5	6		
Total	88	100		

Before the debate, around 50% participants said citizens should support the political reform, while 25% thought the opposite.
After the debate, around 39% participants said citizens should support the political reform, while 42% thought the opposite.
Further analysis shows that, among the 83 participants, opinions of 47 of them did not change, while 32 of them inclined to negative.

2nd round survey (conducted after the debate)

Base: 88

Pos_Q1 1. Taking the overall society into consideration, do you think Hong Kong citizens should support the political reform?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 1 Very much should not	20	23	23	23
2 Somewhat should not	16	18	19	42
3 Half-half	17	19	20	62
4 Somewhat should	16	18	19	80
5 Very much should	17	19	20	100
Total	86	98	100	
Missing 0 Refuse to answer	2	2		
Total	88	100		

Pre_Q2 2. In your personal opinion, should the Legislative Council cancel the functional constituency?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very much should not	9	10	10	10
	2 Somewhat should not	11	13	13	23
	3 Half-half	11	13	13	36
	4 Somewhat should	19	22	22	58
	5 Very much should	36	41	42	100
	Total	86	98	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	2	2		
Total		88	100		

Change_Q2gp_5 2. In your personal opinion, should the Legislative Council cancel the functional constituency?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	-1 negative change	12	14	14	14
	0 no change	53	60	62	76
	1 positive change	20	23	24	100
	Total	85	97	100	
Missing	System	3	3		
Total		88	100		

Before the debate, around 64% participants said Legislative Council should cancel the functional constituency, while 23% thought the opposite. After the debate, around 64% participants said Legislative Council should cancel the functional constituency, while 21% thought the opposite. Further analysis shows that, among the 85 participants, opinions of 53 of them did not change, while 20 of them inclined to positive.

Pre_Q3 3.What is your ideal year in having universal suffrage for the Chief Executive?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 2012	34	39	40	40
	2 2017	37	42	44	85
	3 2022 or later	13	15	15	100
	Total	84	95	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	4	5		
Total		88	100		

Change_Q3gp_5 3.What is your ideal year in having universal suffrage for the Chief Executive?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	-1 move later	10	11	12	12
	0 no change	70	80	84	96
	1 move earlier	3	3	4	100
	Total	83	94	100	
Missing	System	5	6		
Total		88	100		

Pos_Q2 2. In your personal opinion, should the Legislative Council cancel the functional constituency?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Very much should not	6	7	7	7
	2 Somewhat should not	12	14	14	21
	3 Half-half	13	15	15	36
	4 Somewhat should	12	14	14	50
	5 Very much should	43	49	50	100
	Total	86	98	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	2	2		
Total		88	100		

Pos_Q3 3. What is your ideal year in having universal suffrage for the Chief Executive?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 2012	37	42	44	44
	2 2017	40	45	47	91
	3 2022 or later	8	9	9	100
	Total	85	97	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	3	3		
Total		88	100		

Before the debate, 40% participants hoped to have universal suffrage for the Chief Executive in 2012, while 44% said 2017.

After the debate, 44% participants hoped to have universal suffrage for the Chief Executive in 2012, while 47% said 2017.

Further analysis shows that, among the 83 participants, opinions of 70 of them did not change, while 10 of them moved their ideal year of universal suffrage for Chief Executive later.

Pre_Q4 4. What is your idea year in having universal suffrage for the Legislative Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 2012	38	43	44	44
	2 2016	25	28	29	73
	3 2020 or later	23	26	27	100
	Total	86	98	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	2	2		
Total		88	100		

Pos_Q4 4. What is your idea year in having universal suffrage for the Legislative Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 2012	40	45	46	46
	2 2016	26	30	30	76
	3 2020 or later	21	24	24	100
	Total	87	99	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	1	1		
Total		88	100		

Change_Q4gp_5 4. What is your idea year in having universal suffrage for the Legislative Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	-1 move later	9	10	10	10
	0 no change	73	83	85	95
	1 move earlier	4	5	5	100
	Total	86	98	100	
Missing	System	2	2		
Total		88	100		

Before the debate, 44% participants hoped to have universal suffrage for the Legislative Council in 2012, while 29% said 2016.

After the debate, 46% participants hoped to have universal suffrage for the Legislative Council in 2012, while 30% said 2016.

Further analysis shows that, among the 86 participants, opinions of 73 of them did not change, while 9 of them moved their ideal year of universal suffrage for Legislative Council later.

Pre_Q5 5. To what extent do you think the government has been fighting for democracy for Hong Kong citizens?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Not hard at all	15	17	17	17
	2 Not quite hard	32	36	37	54
	3 Half-half	28	32	32	86
	4 Quite hard	8	9	9	95
	5 Very hard	4	5	5	100
	Total	87	99	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	1	1		
Total		88	100		

Pos_Q5 5. To what extent do you think the government has been fighting for democracy for Hong Kong citizens?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1 Not hard at all	19	22	22	22
	2 Not quite hard	28	32	32	53
	3 Half-half	27	31	31	84
	4 Quite hard	10	11	11	95
	5 Very hard	4	5	5	100
	Total	88	100	100	

Change_Q5gp_5 5. To what extent do you think the government has been fighting for democracy for Hong Kong citizens?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	-1 negative change	15	17	17	17
	0 no change	57	65	66	83
	1 positive change	15	17	17	100

	Total	87	99	100
Missing	System	1	1	
Total		88	100	

Before the debate, around 54% participants thought the Government has not been fighting hard for democracy for Hong Kong citizens, while 14% thought the opposite. After the debate, around 53% participants thought the Government has not been fighting hard for democracy for Hong Kong citizens, while 16% thought the opposite. Further analysis shows that, among the 87 participants, opinions of 57 of them did not change, while 15 inclined to positive and 15 inclined to negative.

Pre_Q6 6. In defining universal suffrage, how important if it is defined by the following?

Pre_Q6a 6a. the Legislative Council

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	6	7	7	7
2 Not quite important	7	8	9	16
3 Half-half	20	23	24	40
4 Quite important	31	35	38	78
5 Very important	18	20	22	100
Total	82	93	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	6	7	
Total	88	100		

Pre_Q6b 6b. the HKSAR Government

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	5	6	6	6
2 Not quite important	10	11	13	19
3 Half-half	19	22	24	43
4 Quite important	29	33	36	79
5 Very important	17	19	21	100
Total	80	91	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	8	9	
Total	88	100		

Pre_Q6c 6c. the Central Government

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	6	7	8	8
2 Not quite important	10	11	13	20
3 Half-half	31	35	39	59
4 Quite important	19	22	24	84
5 Very important	13	15	16	100
Total	79	90	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	9	10	
Total	88	100		

Pos_Q6 6. In defining universal suffrage, how important if it is defined by the following?

Pos_Q6a 6a. the Legislative Council

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	5	6	6	6
2 Not quite important	4	5	5	11
3 Half-half	14	16	18	29
4 Quite important	40	45	50	79
5 Very important	17	19	21	100
Total	80	91	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	8	9	
Total	88	100		

Pos_Q6b 6b. the HKSAR Government

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	8	9	10	10
2 Not quite important	12	14	15	25
3 Half-half	19	22	24	49
4 Quite important	27	31	34	84
5 Very important	13	15	16	100
Total	79	90	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	9	10	
Total	88	100		

Pos_Q6c 6c. the Central Government

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	8	9	10	10
2 Not quite important	18	20	23	33
3 Half-half	20	23	25	58
4 Quite important	16	18	20	78
5 Very important	18	20	23	100
Total	80	91	100	
Missing	0 Refuse to answer	8	9	
Total	88	100		

Pre_Q6d 6d. the United Nations

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	7	8	9	9
2 Not quite important	9	10	11	20
3 Half-half	16	18	20	40
4 Quite important	25	28	31	70
5 Very important	24	27	30	100
Total	81	92	100	
Missing				
0 Refuse to answer	7	8		
Total	88	100		

Pre_Q6e 6e. Others

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	4	5	10	10
2 Not quite important	5	6	12	21
3 Half-half	13	15	31	52
4 Quite important	8	9	19	71
5 Very important	12	14	29	100
Total	42	48	100	
Missing				
0 Refuse to answer	46	52		
Total	88	100		

Pos_Q6d 6d. the United Nations

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	7	8	8	8
2 Not quite important	10	11	12	20
3 Half-half	12	14	14	35
4 Quite important	28	32	34	69
5 Very important	26	30	31	100
Total	83	94	100	
Missing				
0 Refuse to answer	5	6		
Total	88	100		

Pos_Q6e 6e. Others

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid				
1 Not important at all	5	6	12	12
2 Not quite important	6	7	15	27
3 Half-half	11	13	27	54
4 Quite important	9	10	22	76
5 Very important	10	11	24	100
Total	41	47	100	
Missing				
0 Refuse to answer	47	53		
Total	88	100		

Before the debate, those who thought it was important if it is defined by the United Nations, the Legislative Council, the HKSAR Government and the Central Government accounted to 61%, 60%, 57% and 40% respectively.

After the debate, the priority of importance became, the Legislative Council, the United Nations, the HKSAR Government and the Central Government, with respective percentages of 71%, 65%, 50% and 43%.